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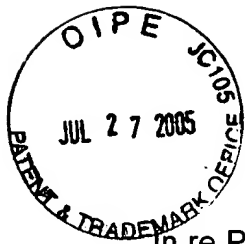
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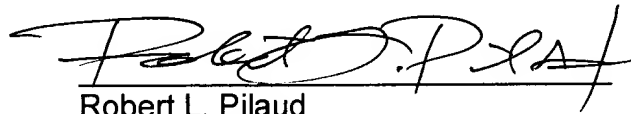
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JP 02-306627 was cited by the Japanese Patent Office with respect to the location and/or configuration of contact holes. The drawings show a substrate (or a base) 1, an oxide film 2, a first wiring layer 3, a polyimide film 4, a conductivity type region 5, a Si_3N_4 film (a mask) 6, a resist 7, windows 8 and 9, a hole 10 and a second wiring layer 11.

JP 59-194783 was cited by the Japanese Patent Office also with respect to the location and/or configuration of contact holes. A full English translation of this reference is being prepared and will be submitted as soon as possible.

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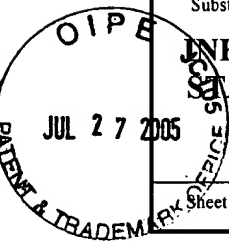
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